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MONDAY, MAY 5, 1783.

By order of the Right Honourable The Lord Provost, Magistrates and Council of the City of Edinburgh, THE EDINBURGH RACES.

Are to begin on Monday the 12th day of July next.
The particulars will be afterwards advertised.

FLAX, HEMP, ASHES, and HOPS.

JOHN THOMSON and CO. have the following GOODS for SALE,

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Miss Simpson will pay every attention to her power to facilitate the improvement of those she may have the honour to be intrusted with, and will endeavour to learn her pupils to speak French, as she will always converse with them in that language.

N. B. The teaching to commence on the 19th current. And for further particulars, enquire at Miss Simpson, at her lodgings, Mrs Stuchan's, Britto Street, opposite to Middleton's entry.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.

To be Sold by public roup, in the Hotel, Canongate, Edinburgh, upon Monday next, the 12th May current.

A Large and Elegant Assortment of all kinds of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of a great variety of Mahogany Tables, Chairs, &c. &c.

A number of Mahogany Bed-Frames, in the newest taste, hung with beautiful copperplate and Manchester stripe curtains, lined and fringed; with Window Curtains, Down Beds, Hair and Wool Mattresses, English Blankets, Counterpanes, &c.

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The furniture, which is all new within these two years, and in fine condition, may be viewed at the Hotel any time before the sale.

The roup to begin at ten o'clock forenoon on that and the following days, and to continue till all is sold off.

Pittensween, March 7, 1783.

A General Meeting of several Burghs, and a numerous body of Burghs and Inhabitants of this Burgh, in the Town-house assembled, Mr John Smith watchmaker was unanimously chosen Preses, when they took under their serious consideration the growing evils flowing from Patronage to this country, in not only driving out from the established Church many thousands of people, but the expenses they are at in building meeting-houses and maintaining ministers, are burdens upon the inhabitants of Scotland, that we fear, in time, will be a means of alienating the minds of the people from Government, as well as making them unable to support it by paying their taxes. Therefore we are most heartily willing to join with other societies in taking every lawful and constitutional step to obtain a repeal of that pernicious law of Patronage. The meeting also agreed in thinking it unnecessary to declare their sentiments at large concerning Patronage, as it has been already done by so many societies, and in particular by the Kirk-Session of Dundee; and they appointed their Preses, with Messrs James Martin, John Simpson, William Rymet, James Yule, Alexander Anderson, and James Ritchie, as a committee, to correspond with other committees, and to report to a general meeting.

JOHN SMITH, Preses.

Pittensween, March 7, 1783.

THE Burghs of Pittensween this day took under their consideration that grievance of having their Magistrates and Town Council self-elected, and their having a number of non-residing Councillors, some of them living in different counties, when the most respectable trafficking Burghs have no voice in electing their representative in Parliament, nor in electing their Magistrates and Council, a grievance which has long been complained of to our Magistrates, without effect, which appeared publicly in a letter to the Printer of the Edinburgh Caledonian Mercury, the 15th day of July last, by a brother Burgh of ours, in order to route the other Burghs of Scotland to join in an application to Parliament for relief of having their Magistrates and Councils self-elected. We are now happy to find that noble spirit rising up for restoring our civil liberty; and we return our most hearty thanks to that respectable body, the Citizens of Edinburgh, for setting the example, which we hope our Brother Burghs in Scotland will follow, considering how much our religious liberty depends upon our civil. Therefore, we are most heartily willing to join the Citizens in Edinburgh, and the Burghs of other Burghs in applying to Parliament for a more equal mode of election both of Members to serve in Parliament, and Magistrates and Town Councils. And the Meeting began to suggest the mode of election they would chuse, which is this: That all the residing Burghs liable in and bearing part of the public burdens of the burgh, annually elect their Magistrates and Council, excluding yearly servants, honorary Burghs servants, and pensioners of the town, or any community within the same; and that the Burghs qualified as above, should also elect their delegate or member to serve in Parliament. And the Burghs appoint their preses, with Messrs John Simpson, William Rymet, James Yule, Alexander Anderson, James Ritchie, Andrew Horsburgh, and William Bridges, as a committee to join the Committee of the Citizens of Edinburgh; and over Committees in the different burghs in Scotland; Also, that the Preses be authorized to correspond with the Citizens of Edinburgh, and to call General Meetings when necessary, and cause publish the above resolutions in the Edinburgh Caledonian Mercury, and Advertiser.

This, in name and by appointment of the Meeting, is signed by

JOHN SMITH, Preses.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

Sale of the Lands of Langside in Roxburghshire.
To be SOLD by public roup at Edinburgh, within the British Coffee-house there, upon Wednesday the 22 day of July next, between the hours of five and six afternoon.

The Lands of LANGSIDE, lying within the parish of Bowden, and county of Roxburgh. These lands lie contiguous, are wholly arable, and are all inclosed. There is a convenient leading of houses, and some valuable ash and elm trees, upon the premises.

For further particulars apply to Ludovick Grant accountant in Edinburgh, or to John Tawie writer there.

For the CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

LETTER IV.

To the CITIZENS of EDINBURGH.

Gentlemen,
I Took leave of you in my last address, by hinting at the danger of giving the English the least pretence of infringing the great article of the Union, upon which the existence of our country depends; I mean, the proportion of the land-tax established by that treaty. But this ruinous measure is a part of the plan of the proposed reform. Without troubling her brother John Bull, Sister Peggy is to become *fide de se*. I appeal to the general conversation of the Reformers, to the ideas every where held forth in their writings; and I appeal to the plain declaration of it to be found in the correspondence between Zeno of Edinburgh, and Cavis of Aberdeen. "Much (this last gentleman observes) has been said of the improvements 'representatives to be elected when we shall be enabled to send from the districts, as at present, in every burgh, instead of 'are really to be the representatives of the inhabitants, in place of that of the council, as they now are, our situation would be infinitely worse.'"

If ever Scotland flies to arms, in her own defence, it will be when England shall pretend to force Members of Parliament upon us for our money. It was no wonder, that the idea of our burghs sending as many as those of England, should have struck the mind of writers absorbed in contemplating an equal representation of the people; for, unless the numbers of our representatives are increased to one full fourth of the number of the Commons—unless we can be put upon a footing with England, we neither can have, nor ought to take any interest in their reformation. It is our business to hold by the constitution as presently established, and to defend it to the last. The House of Commons is not a representation of the people, but a representation of their property; and hence it is that the majesty of the people of Scotland (to use a fashionable term) is made up of forty-five, while that of the people of England consists of no less than five hundred and thirteen; and hence also it is, that while we pay only 48,000 l. they pay within a trifle of two millions. Though Scotland contains at least one-fourth of the people of this island, we are by no means possessed of a fourth of the property; and until we shall arrive at the acquisition of that solid share, it is demonstrated, that there can be no equality of representation between the two kingdoms. If, therefore, an equality be, *de facto*, impracticable, it follows as evidently, that all arguments that have been, or can be brought for an equal representation of our people, however plausible in theory, are impossible in practice. An equal division of property can be the only foundation of an equal division of power. The theory of the one is established by the same argument as the other; and the practice as completely excluded by the unalterable nature of things. If the English mean to give us an equal representation, they must begin with giving us an equal share of the goods of the island; in which case alone we will be able to pay a fourth of the taxes, or 500,000 l. in place of 48,000 l. but as it is not probable that our Southern neighbours will agree to the revival and execution of this natural, original, inherent right; I am afraid, our wisdom will be to continue with our old forty-five Members, and our 48,000 l.

Since this must be our fate, let us coolly analyze the particulars of it.—Can Scotland be as well represented in Parliament by forty-five as by one hundred and fifty, the share she ought to have? Is forty-five such a share of legislation as to entitle us to be named *Members*, while the English load it over us with five hundred and thirteen? If the answer be given in the affirmative, if forty-five is equal to one hundred and fifty, then it follows, that the virtue or essence of representation consisteth not in numbers. We may then be as well represented by five as by forty-five, or by one as by five. If, on the other hand, it be answered, that the essence of representation does consist in numbers, then it is undeniable that Scotland is not represented in Parliament; that her liberties expired with her own Parliament; and that by the treaty of Union, we were stripped of the whole of our original, unalienable, inherent rights, and reduced to slavery and bondage. The reformers suggest an easy remedy, an equal right of legislation could not be alienated. It may, therefore, at this moment, be refused.—"Very well, say the English, we will not dispute the point. Let Scotland have a fourth of the members, upon payment of 500,000 l. in place of 48,000 l." Would not the voice of this country, from the Orkneys to the Tweed, return the answer *no, no, no*? What is it then that our restless unthinking people would be at? I am afraid that they have no fixed object, but that of creating one of the worst-timed disturbances that could possibly be imagined. It is the rage of the political patriots descended to the people. The former were determined rather to ruin their country than not to have the command of the ruins. The leaders of the latter are determined to have something to say to bring themselves forward in the picture, be the consequences what they will. It may perhaps be proposed to make an addition to the number of Parliament, and to give the Scots their proportionable share in that addition. What signifies our proportion? It is scarcely nine to an hundred. We cannot be represented in that manner; and, if we cannot be represented, we are better with our forty-five than we can be with fifty-five. Why should Scotland suffer the expense, the confusion, and the trouble of so many additional elections to be imposed upon her people? Why should we be forced to send more of our countrymen and their families to throw away their money in London, if no other purpose can be served? Since a single lot of additional power or influence in Parliament cannot be thereby obtained, I insist that our present power and influence, small as they are, would be diminished.

In order to force this execrable difficulty, our old-fashioned politicians invented the term *Virtual Representation*, a phrase exploded by their present successors. It proved for some time to be a pleasant spring of living waters, for quenching the thirst of voting in all those who had nothing to do with the business.

ed by such a measure. The observation I am to make upon this may be new; but it is the result of experience, not speculation. I assert that arithmetical proportion does not hold in this business. Any person who has attended as much as I have done to what happens amongst societies and bodies of men, will find three of twelve to be a better interest than four of twenty; and that four of twenty is to be preferred to ten of forty. Therefore, I maintain, that the influence of the Scottish representation, small as it is at present, will be diminished by every proportionate addition to the general number of Parliament; while a real expense, interruption of business, and a train of inconveniences will be created at home. We ought, therefore, to oppose every measure of that kind to the utmost of our power.

Since none of these things will answer, the only meaning of a reform in Scotland must be a more equal right of voting for the poor forty-five we send to parliament; that is, The kingdom of Scotland is to be as much disturbed, as business as much interrupted, and as great an expense occasioned in electing her 45, as England suffers in assembling her 513. We are all to be put in an uproar for nothing;—we are to be at ten times the trouble and expense of electing a fractional part of the British House of Commons, than the whole Parliament of Scotland formerly cost us. May not the Parliament of Great Britain do with us what they please; notwithstanding of our forty-five, were they even unanimous for their country. If then our national share of Parliament is so insignificant,—since we can carry no point for ourselves, is it not little short of madness to insist upon being as much vexed and plagued about our forty-five, as if this forty-five formed a Parliament of themselves, and gave laws to the kingdom.—The mountain is seriously to be put in labour, in order to bring forth a mouse.

The right of election of our forty-five, is now ascertained by the experience of near a century, and at a vast expense to individuals. Is this a slight advantage to be thrown away in a moment? Are we yet to learn the value of a fixed system either in law or government? Though we have not our share in the representation of the island, yet we enjoy the full benefit and blessings of it. We enjoy the liberty, independence, and security which Parliament has produced, equally with the English. They have the power, the trouble, and the expense, and yet we enjoy an equality in the solid advantages. Our forty-five are chosen by our freeholders, and the magistrates and town-council of our burghs, and they scarcely form an eleventh part of Parliament. The next branch of the question is, What advantage could possibly accrue to this country, by rendering the election of this eleventh part popular?—My opponents have intimated, that men far superior to the present representatives would be chosen; that corruption and influence would be banished from this side of the Tweed; and that Scottish members would join their brethren of England in voting eternally against the Crown and its servants; consequently, upon some happy occasion or other, might throw the balance, and build up the majesty of the people upon the ruin of monarchy.

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HOUSE OF BANKTON,

In the parish of Prestongrange.

TO be LET, and entered to at Whitunday next, the House, Pigeon-house, and Offices of BANKTON, with several Grass Inclosures, as presently possessed by Mr Eskine of Cambo. The House is large, well-disposed, and elegantly fitted up. It is pleasantly situated in East Lothian, in the neighbourhood of coal, and two market towns, and within seven miles of Edinburgh. It commands extensive and agreeable prospects, and is well supplied with water, from two excellent springs.

Any person inclining to treat for a set may apply to John Buchan writer to the Signet, James's Court. And the house may be seen every week day, between the hours of eleven forenoon and two afternoon.

A stage-coach goes every day, to and from Edinburgh to Prestongrange, which is within half a mile of the house.

HOUSE OF PEERS, Wednesday, April 30.
Read a second time the loan bill.
Read a first time the East-India dividend bill.
Heard counsel further in the cause between the Duke of Queensberry and Sir William Douglas. Affirmed the decree.

HOUSE OF COMMONS, Wednesday, April 30.
Passed the recruiting bill, and ordered it to the Lords.
Deferred the Ways and Means and Supply till Friday.

The order of the day for the second reading of the bill for taking away the benefit of Clergy from persons convicted of receiving stolen goods, being then read.

Mr Selwyn moved, "That the same be read a second time that day six months," which was agreed to without a division.

The next order of the day being read for going into a Committee on the bill for taking up and imprisoning such persons as should be found in the night with picklock keys, or other implements for breaking into houses, the Speaker left the chair, and Mr Parry took it.

Sir Cecil Wray said, he could not consent to a law by which new crimes would be created, or rather an intention be made a new crime, these being already in existence laws fully adequate to the end of punishing the offence described in the bill; he moved, therefore, "That the Chairman do leave the chair." This gave rise to a desultory conversation, in which near four-fifths of the members present took some part.

Mr Eden disapproved of the form of the bill, but did not wish it should be lost; as there was, in his opinion, great occasion for some laws to check the audacity of highway robbers and house-breakers; he wished therefore that the Chairman might report progress, and ask leave to sit again; that in the mean time gentlemen might turn their attention to their shrouds, and come prepared to amend the bill.

Mr Fox was of the same opinion; and recommended therefore to his honourable colleague to withdraw his motion. He thought a reformation ought to be made in the police, the business of a Justice of Peace being become a trade in the city he had the honour to represent.

Mr Marryat declared he would oppose the principle of the bill in any form: He did not like to see penal laws multiplied; and if Parliament went on as it had done, he was afraid it would shortly be penal for a man to have a knife and fork in his house to use at his dinner.

Sir Charles Turner also declared himself an enemy to the bill, being levelled, he said, against the poor, between whom and the rich he wished no distinction might be made. Should the present bill pass, his Groom, a poor ignorant Yorkshireman, he said, might be taken up, if an instrument to trim his horses feet was found in his pocket at night, and the poor fellow not knowing what to do, might be detained a prisoner the whole night without committing the smallest offence.—A poor Tailor going home with his Goose and Yard, might also be apprehended, he might break open a door with his Goose, which in a Tailor's hand, might be looked upon as a most dangerous weapon, as he might use it when hot, in a double way, as an "Implement to break open a house," or to burn the faces of any who should oppose him! The laws already in being, he said, were fully sufficient to punish vagrants and idle fellows; and in cases where he did not find the letter of the law against the accused, he would notwithstanding punish him, if he found he acted against the spirit: He remembered, that when hunting one day, he was told by a man who had looked through a window into a room, that he saw a person lying weltering in his own blood on the floor, in consequence of wounds he had received from another: "It was at a time (said Sir Charles) when general warrants made such a noise; and I did not know in what particular house the murderer was concealed; therefore, I could not, consistently with the letter of the law, grant a search warrant, without describing the particular place; but I knew, that if a general search-warrant was not granted, the culprit would escape; and being satisfied in my own mind, that forms ought not to stand in the way of substantial justice, resolved to take the consequences upon myself, and issued the warrant. If other Justices of the Peace would act as I did, there would be no occasion for new laws." He concluded by declaring, that he should vote for the Chairman's leaving the Chair.

Mr Burke thought improper implements indicated something more than a bare intention; as the intention of a house-breaker to commit a felony, exists before he provides himself with implements to carry it into execution; therefore, when the implements are found on such an one, it might, he said, be asserted, that the crime was in its progress to accomplishment; it would be wise, therefore, he thought, in the Legislature to interpose and check the crime in its progress. He threw the blame of most of the crimes committed in and near Westminster upon the Magistrates: They had an absolute authority, he said, over public houses, and if they exercised the authority properly, we should not see so many rendezvous for thieves of all denominations, as were licensed merely to be seminaries of vice and corruption. If licenses were withheld from all houses of bad character, not one tenth of the crimes would be committed in a year, that are now committed in a month. As to the bill, he wished it not to be lost, but that progress might be reported, and leave given to sit again.

Mr Eyre thought the laws already in being sufficient without the present bill; for, if a man should be found in his yard, with implements for house-breaking, he made no doubt but he could indict him, and sustain the indictment; and if conviction followed, the punishment was severe enough, as the conviction in that case would be imprisonment for a considerable length of time.

Mr Howarth said, the vagrant act could not reach such persons as would be the objects of the new act. The vagrant act, he said, described all the several distinctions of persons on whom it was to operate; if any others, therefore, than those named in it should be thought proper objects of punishment, it was clear, that not being within the act, they could not be punished by it. A man being found in a court-yard with implements about him for breaking open houses could not, merely on account of having such implements, be indicted on the statute of the 17th of Geo. II. commonly called the vagrant act, unless in some other respect they came within the meaning of it: for instance, if he was a man of some substance, or a house-keeper, he could not be deemed a vagrant; nay, if he had proceeded so far as to attempt to break open a window or a door, he could not be indicted, unless it could be proved that he had made the attempt with an intent to commit a felony or burglary; and if no such intent appeared, then the attempt could be considered only as a trespass, and the man, so far from being indictable, would be subject only to a civil action. For this reason he was of opinion that some law was necessary to reach those who

were not within the meaning of the above statute, and who yet were the most likely to carry offensive implements about them, such as soldiers, sailors, &c.

Lord Mahon thought a very easy method might be adopted by wording the bill, such a manner as that the law should reach those only whose intentions were criminal. The implements, for instance, derived by the bill, should be such only as could be employed to bad purpose.

Mr Sheridan said, should have much less objection to the bill, if the noble Lord's ideas were adopted; but at present there was no such law drawn; the general expression of "implements for house-breaking," being all that was used; so that a ladder on a poor labourer's shoulder might be deemed unlawful, so likewise might a strong shoe, as with such a man might possibly kick open a door. The reformation, however, he thought ought to begin at the source, as little reformation could be expected among the lower classes till the police should be reformed.

Mr W. Pitt objected to the clause for granting rewards for the apprehending of the persons that were to be the objects of the bill; but did not wish the bill to be rejected, as with a little more time gentlemen might be able to amend it.

Mr Selwyn thought there was a necessity for some such bills as the present.

Many other members spoke. At last the Committee divided, where there appeared,

For the Chairman's leaving the chair, 21

Against it, 29

The Chairman then reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, after which the House adjourned.

From the London Papers, May 1.
L O N D O N

An express arrived this morning in forty-two hours from Paris, with advice that the Duke of Manchester entered that city on Tuesday afternoon with his suite, in perfect health.—*Eng. Chron.*

His Excellency the new French Plenipotentiary, who succeeds M. De Moustier, arrived this morning from France with his suite. *Ibid.*

Mr Lee, formerly an Alderman of the city of London, and who resigned his gown in consequence of the decided part he took in politics in the late dispute with America, is shortly expected to arrive in London in quality of a negotiator, respecting a treaty of commerce between this country and America, and to be in the same character as Mr Hartley is gone to Paris. *Ibid.*

We are sorry to inform our readers, that all expectation of the safety of the *Caton*, is now entirely given up by Government.—Colonel Fanning, who has been appointed Lieutenant-Governor of Halifax, has now received his commission, with orders to hold himself in readiness to embark for that province. His delay in England has been occasioned by the hope entertained of the arrival of the *Caton*, on board of which was Sir Andrew Hammond, the late Lieutenant-Governor of Halifax, from whom Colonel Fanning was to have received some instructions respecting the present situation of the government. The *Caton* was one of the convoy with the *Ville de Paris* in the great storm, in which that ship was unhappily lost, but at that time weathered the tempest, and got safe to Halifax, where she was judged by the Commander fit, with a little repair, to proceed for England. She accordingly failed from that place on the 6th of January last, and no account having been received of her since that time, it was generally believed she had got safe into Antigua; but the late Leeward Island packet brings letters of so late a date as the 20th of March last, at which time no information had been received concerning her in any part of the West-Indies; Mr Fanning, therefore, will proceed immediately to his Government, without waiting longer for the very doubtful arrival of his predecessor. *Ibid.*

Yesterday the Archbishop of Canterbury was at the levee, and kissed the King's hand on his translation to that see. His Lordship was introduced by the Bishops of Chester, Bristol, and Worcester.

Same day Lord Northampton kissed the King's hand on being appointed Viceroy of Ireland.—As did Mr Wyndham and Major Schivington, on being appointed his Lordship's Secretaries.

Captain Vere Paulty, brother to Lord Hinton, is appointed Aid de Camp to the new Viceroy of Ireland.

Yesterday Lord Mountstuart had a private audience of his Majesty, previous to his setting out on his embassy to the court of Spain.

Mr Liston, who lately returned from the court of Turin, is appointed Secretary to Lord Mountstuart at the court of Madrid.

This morning some dispatches were received from Jamaica; they are dated the 10th of March, and give an account of the arrival there of a number of vessels from America; that every thing remained quiet; and that several ships were lading, and would sail for London about the beginning of April.

This morning some dispatches were received from Newfoundland, brought over in the Sally and Betty, Captain Walker, arrived at Waterford, after a fine passage of twenty days. She has brought the agreeable news of the safe arrival of the last fleet which sailed from London and Waterford in February last, consisting of forty sail, all well.

By the Swift cutter we have the satisfaction to hear of the perfect health of the brave General Elliott; he was reviewing assiduously the fortifications, and ordering such repairs to be made as were found necessary: Willis's battery was a primary object of his attention. This great and excellent commander did not talk of coming to England. He appeared as contented with the people there, as they were happy with him: a mutual esteem subsisted; the Governor and governed both perfectly united.

A Letter from Lisbon brings advice, that they have received intelligence from those gentlemen who were sent to America, that they had settled a correspondence at Philadelphia, Boston, and Salem, and were proceeding to other ports; also that a treaty of commerce and amity is agreed on with the Congress; and it is further observed, that the Portuguese goods could not be carried to a better market, as they could barter with them for the productions of their country, all of which the Portuguese are in want of.

Lord C. Cavendish, who died on Monday last, was near ninety years old. His dissolution is said to have been owing to an inflammatory disorder in his leg, which reached his bowels, from whence rising to his stomach, it put an end to his existence.

A Detachment of French and Dutch troops has been sent

from the Cape of Good Hope up the country, towards the place where the Grosvenor East India ship was lost, to procure the release of the unfortunate passengers seized upon by the Caffres; and, to the honour of the French commanding officer at the Cape, he has been very active in the affair, the detachment having taken with them a number of small useful presents, to bribe the natives to restore their captives; and the letters received this day from Holland say, they were in hopes their endeavours would prove successful.

A dissatisfaction having prevailed for several days amongst the three regiments of Guards, the second regiment being on guard, was yesterday formed into a circle on the parade in St James's Park, and by order of the general officers, several clauses in acts of Parliament, and stipulations relative to enlistment during the American War, being read over, and an explanation being given of the true tenor of the same, the matter was cleared up to the general satisfaction of the regiment, and they returned to their duty with their wonted alacrity.

A correspondent in the Austrian Netherlands thinks the Sicilian earthquake has affected all parts of Europe, with respect to the season, it being hotter there during the middle of April than ever was known; and which extreme heat seems as if it would continue.

Extract of a letter from Liege, April 20.

"Some gentlemen in this city, who are just arrived from Naples, say, all the *Toe* of Italy is destroyed by the late earthquake."

Extract of a letter from Portsmouth, April 30.

"My dear friend, you will find at this place is commissioned again, except the *Victory* and *Britannia*, which are meant to be continued in ordinary; and in general, the same officers have been again appointed to them."

"It is now said, that 20 ships of the line are to be kept constantly ready for sea at this port, six of which will alternately be guardships. Admiral Montague's flag is this moment hoisted on board the *Queen*, of 90 guns."

The Public having much interested themselves in the event of a late unfortunate duel, on that account alone I induced to offer to their perusal the following letter. I own, my delicacy might have led me to suppress a testimony so honourable to myself, had not Sir James Riddell wished that more than his friends alone should know he was satisfied with the part I had taken.

April 25. EDWARD TOPHAM.
To the CORONER and INQUEST of the COUNTY of MIDDLESEX.

GENTLEMEN,
Stratford Place, April 23, 1783.
AS you are met in discharge of your duty as Coroner and Jury, to enquire into, and judge of the cause of the death of my most dear but unfortunate son, occasioned by the duel with Lieutenant Cunningham, I think it incumbent upon me (as the distress I feel, owing to the loss of a darling, dutiful, and most deserving son, puts it out of my power to be present) to acquaint you, that the part taken in the affair by Captain Topham, proceeded entirely from the great friendship that subsisted between him and my son, Lieutenant Riddell. The cause of this unhappy meeting will appear by the copy of a letter sent by Lieutenant Riddell to Lieutenant Cunningham on Saturday last, and the letter sent by Lieutenant Cunningham on Sunday morning, as the answer. I do not mean, by what I have said, to prepossess you to the prejudice of Lieutenant Cunningham; God forbid! and God be praised, that I am not of a blood-thirsty disposition; and all the acquaintances of my unfortunate son know, that his feelings were of the most delicate and compassionate nature. I cannot paint the friendship that my son bore for Captain Topham in a stronger light, than by transcribing part of a letter addressed by him, to his beloved brother, Mr Riddell, and which came to his hand (by desire) immediately after his death:—"Give Gillon and Topham rings; if my black horse is not of any use to you, Topham is fond of him, and will take care of him."—Now, gentlemen, I have only to add, that it would give me infinite concern, was Captain Topham either to meet with trouble or censure in the affair. I am perfectly satisfied of the propriety of his conduct and friendship towards my dearest George; and I am certain, that from the good character he bears, the world will give him equal credit, and as such he will ever bear a great share in my esteem.

If it is necessary, in point of form, to give bail, I have already made offer of my name for that purpose.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your most humble servant,

J. A. RIDDELL.

Various reports being circulated of a late duel, which might be prejudicial to the honour of both parties, particularly one, of Lieutenant Cunningham's being supported by his second while he fired; to prevent such in future, the following accurate account is laid before the Public by the seconds.

About a quarter after ten on Monday morning, April the 24th, Lieutenant Riddell, of the Grenadier-Guards, and Lieutenant Cunningham, of the Scotch Greys, met by appointment at Tyburn Turnpike, and from thence adjourned to a field near the Uxbridge road. The distance being measured out by their seconds, the principals tossed up who should receive the first shot, which was lost by Mr Cunningham; on which Mr Riddell fired, and hit his antagonist under the right breast. On perceiving he was wounded, his friend (Captain Cunningham, of the 96th regiment) ran towards him, and Capt. Topham, the friend of Mr Riddell, turned round to fetch assistance; but was stopped, by being told Mr Cunningham wanted to take his shot. On which, the ground being again taken by all parties, Mr C. fired, and shot Mr Riddell a little above the left hip, which terminated the whole affair.

EDWARD TOPHAM.

JOHN CUNNINGHAM.

Friday, April 25.

PRICE OF STOCKS, MAY 1.

Bank Stock, —	Ditto 1751, —
4 per cent. Ann. 1777. shut, 86½	India Stock, —
3 per cent. Ann. —	3 per cent. Ann. —
3 per cent. con. 67½ a 7.	India Bonds, 8 a 7 disc.
3 per cent. red. —	Exch. Bills, 1 a 2 disc.
3 per cent. 1726, —	Navy Bills, 94 a 2 disc.
Long Ann. —	3 per cent. Scrip. 69½ a 2.
Short Ann. 1778, —	4 per cent. Scrip. —
South Sea Stock, —	Light Long. Ann. 21.
3 per cent. Old Ann. —	Omnium, 73 a 7 prem.
Ditto New Ann. —	100. Tick. 15 l. 1 s.

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EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, May 1.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

"Counsel were called to the bar of the House, to be heard

the appeal, wherein Volkerk Hendrick, master of the show
Wharfedale, and Peter William Van Lankeren, of Amsterdam,
merchant, were appellants. William Cunningham, Robert Bo-
reham, and other owners, and James McLean, master of the Bel-
mont private ship of war, were respondents; when after hearing
the appellants counsel, and one counsel for the respondents; the
other argument was adjourned till to-morrow.

The order of the day being read for the second reading of
the East India Company's Indemnity bill, Lord Wallingham
rose up, and in a short speech explained the nature and conse-
quences of the bill, and alleged several reasons why, in his o-
pinion, the same ought not to pass. Lord Fitzwilliam said, a
few words in favour of the bill; after which the same was, up-
on the question put, committed for to-morrow.

The loan bill was read a second time, and committed for
to-morrow. It is to be read a third time on Monday next,
and their Lordships to be summoned.

Several Lords having conceived, that the above bill was
not to be read a second time before Monday next, a conversa-
tion took place, by way of explanation, in which Lord Shel-
burne, Lord Thurlow, Lord Stormont, the Duke of Portland,
and Sydney, Lord Fitzwilliam, took a part. It was at last
settled, that the discussion should, instead of the second read-
ing, be postponed till the third.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

Mr. Mordaunt, from the Customs in Scotland, attended the
House, and presented, pursuant to order, an account of the net
produce of taxes, and also an account of the goods and net pro-
duce of the duties on soap.

Mr. Tompkins likewise attended, and presented to the
House an account of imports and exports: the titles were read,
and the accounts ordered to lie on the table.

A motion was made, that the act of the 10th and 11th of
William III. cap. 19. might be read; which being done, it was
then moved, "That leave be given to bring in a Bill to ex-
plain and amend the said act;" which, upon the question being
put, was agreed to.

Council were then called to the bar to be further heard on
Thomas Rumbold's Bill; and, after a short time, notice
being taken that forty members were not present, the House
was counted, and adjourned.

To-morrow, between twelve and one o'clock, Captain
Riddell will be interred in a new brick vault, lately erected in
a Westminster Abbey, near the Poets Corner.—It is said a
number of his military friends will attend to the grave. The
burial service, it is said, will be performed; but all military ho-
nours are to be dispensed with.

The Duke d'Almodovar is appointed Ambassador Extra-
ordinary, and Plenipotentiary to this Court from that of Ma-
drid.

Wednesday, at the General Quarter Sessions for New Assize,
the Grand Jury certified the prices of corn as follows:—Wheat,
per bushel, (Winchester measure) 6s. 2d.—Rye 4s. 4d.—
Barley 3s. 2d.—Malt 5s. 6d.—Oats 2s. 8d.—White Peas
4s. 6d.—Grey Peas 4s. 9d.—Beans 4s. 8d.

Same day, at Morpeth, the Grand Jury certified the prices
of grain as follows:—Wheat, per quarter (Winchester mea-
sure) 21. 6s.—Oats 11. 1s.—Barley 11. 9s. 4d.—Rye 11. 18 s.
—Beans 11. 18 s.—Peas 3. 1.—White Peas 2. 1.

We hear from Sunderland, that on Monday the Happy Re-
turn, William Paterson master, failed from that port, and on
the same day about four o'clock in the evening, being off Whit-
by, he was taken with a sudden shift of wind, which carried
away all her masts by the board. A smuggling cutter laying in
line, on perceiving her distress, made sail for assistance, and
alongside her for some hours, when on sounding the pumps,
their sorrow found ten feet water in the hold. The cutter
took the crew on board, and landed them at Redcar. What
takes this the more remarkable is, that ships laying in shore,
and others at an offing, had no more wind than they had for
the course of the day, nor any of them received any damage.

We are informed, that at the general meeting of the Com-
missioners of Supply of the county of Inverness, held on the
30th ult. it was unanimously recommended to their Prefes to
return the thanks of the meeting to James Baillie, Esq; of
Belvidere-square, London, for his humane and friendly exer-
tion in supplying his native county with corn at this season of
universal scarcity.

We hear, that a gentleman who has performed several capi-
tal parts in the Theatre Royal here, will appear in a principal
character in the course of a few days.

The new Assembly Rooms, for which the ground is mark-
ed out in the New Town, will be among the most elegant of
any in Britain. The principal ball-room is to be 92 feet long,
42 wide, and 40 feet high. There is to be a tea-room 50
feet by 36; which will also serve as a ball-room on ordinary
occasions. There are to be two card-rooms, 36 by 18½ feet
each; also a grand saloon, 38 by 24 feet, besides other small
rooms. The whole expense will be six thousand guineas,
all of which is subscribed, and the building is to be begun im-
mediately.

Another Assembly Room upon a smaller scale is to be built
immediately by the inhabitants of the fourth side of the town,
in George's Square.

We also hear, that an elegant Assembly Room is to be built
immediately at Leith, the gentlemen there having contributed
very liberally for that purpose.

Vienna, April 1783. His Imperial Majesty has been gra-
dually pleased to confer on General Baron Lockhart, one of
his Chamberlains, K. M. T. and on his descendants, the title
and honours of Count of the Holy Roman Empire.

St Andrews, April 30th.

On the 23d inst. the Premiums annually given by the Right
Hon. the Earl of Kinnoull, Chancellor of this University, to
the Students of the several Classes of the UNITED COLLEGE,
were distributed in the Public Hall of the University, having
been previously adjudged to the following competitors:

Those of the HUMANITY CLASSES, to
JOHN LESLIE, Largo, for the best Essay on the TENNES of the Latin
Poets.

DAVID DAVIDSON, Kinross, for the best Translations from ENGLISH
into LATIN and LATIN into ENGLISH.

Those of the GREEK CLASSES, to
JOHN ROBINS GAINES, New York, for an Essay on the Constitution of
SPARTA.

MARSDEN PRICE, London, for the best Translation from GREEK into
LATIN and ENGLISH.

Those of the LOGIC and RHETORIC CLASS, to
The Right Hon. the Earl of ELOIN, for the best Essay on the NATURE
and END of Tragedy.

Those of the MORAL PHILOSOPHY CLASS, to
DAVID RITCHIE, Methven, for the best Essay on the SUMMUM BONUM.

That of the NATURAL PHILOSOPHY CLASS, to
JAMES IVORY, Dundee, for the best Essay on the MOTIONS of Fluids
arising from their Gravity.

Those of the MATHEMATICAL CLASSES, to
JAMES GORDON, GLEN, and ROBERT MENZIES, Dundee, for the best
Demonstrations of ELEMENTARY PROPOSITIONS in PLANE GEOMETRY.

JAMES STURROCK, Dundee, for the best Demonstrations of PROPOSITIONS,
THEORETICAL AND PRACTICAL, in PLANE GEOMETRY and OPTICS.

That of the CIVIL HISTORY CLASS, to
THOMAS CROOKENDEL, Barrow, for an Essay on the CAUSES,
and their effects on the POLICY, MANNERS, and LEARNING of Europe.

And, on the 24th of April, the Premiums annually given to
the Students of Divinity in ST MARY'S COLLEGE, were dis-
tributed, having been previously adjudged to the following com-
petitors:

That of the FIRST CLASS, to
COLIN MORISON, Dundee, for the best Latin Discourse, on the Que-
stion, "An Virtus in Beneficentia sola sita sit?"

That of the SECOND CLASS, to
JOHN BOYD, Comrie, for the best Essay, on the Question, "How
is the existence of EVIL, either Natural or Moral, reconcilable with the
GOODNESS and WISDOM of the Deity?"

That of the THIRD CLASS, to
ALEXANDER STEWART, Blair of Athol, for the best Discourse on Luke
xvi. 31. "And he said unto them, If they hear not Moses and the Pro-
phets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rise from the dead."

That of the FOURTH CLASS, to
JOHN BOIST, Fifie-Shire, and JAMES GRANT, A. M. Sevier, for the best
Discourse on the NATURE, RISE, and PROGRESS of the GNOSTIC HERESY.

Extract of a letter from Dumfries, May 3.

The Circuit Court of Justiciary was opened here upon
Thursday the 1st current, by the Right Honourable Lord
Braxfield. There was no criminal business to come before the
Court that day, which was adjourned till next morning, when
Mary Carson, late servant at Blackilton, in the parish of Glen-
cairn, accused of child murder, was banished forth of Scot-
land for life, with the consent of his Majesty's Advocate-de-
pute, in respect of certain favourable circumstances in her case.

The Court then proceeded to the trial of Ann Jack, spouse
to John Macnab late baker in Dumfries, and Mary Jack, her
daughter by a former marriage, accused of stealing a parcel of
linens, &c. from Henry Dickson vintner here, or referring the
said stolen goods. The Jury having all in one voice found the
daughter guilty of the theft libelled, and the mother guilty of
retelling the said stolen goods, they were sentenced to be im-
prisoned in the tolbooth of Dumfries till the 11th June next,
upon that day to be set upon the pillory from twelve to one o-
clock, and thereafter banished Scotland, the mother for life,
and the daughter for seven years, under the usual certifications.

There was no other business for the Court, which was
therefore adjourned till Tuesday morning next, the last day of
the ayre, when they proceed to Ayre.

Extract of a letter from Dublin, April 30.

Monday, the Privy Council sat again on the business of
the Genevese establishment in the county of Waterford. It is
we hear, determined to grant the lands by leasehold tenures of
999 years; as it is apprehended, if the lands are given in fee,
such a number of freeholders would thereby be constituted, as
would have the county returns of members in a manner at the
disposal of the Genevese.

Monday exhibited a spectacle novel and highly pleasing.
A number of gentlemen of the first consequence in Ireland ha-
ving lately formed a society, distinguished by the title of
Knights of Tara, for the express purpose of promoting the sci-
ence of defence, gratified the curiosity of the town by a public
exhibition of that manly and graceful accomplishment. To ac-
commodate their friends and the public, the Knights engaged
the Little Theatre in Capel-street, which was most happily a-
dapted for the purpose. The stage was reserved for the gen-
tlemen of the society who contended for the prizes, and the
judges. The pit was allotted for the Knights, who each ap-
peared decorated with a narrow ribbon of garter blue, on which
was introduced a small star, with the motto "Præsidium et
Decus." The boxes and galleries were crowded with ladies of
the first fashion. Admission to other parts of the house was
obtained by Knights tickets, of which each member had two.
His Excellency and Lady Temple were invited and expected,
but sent a most polite apology, addressed to Sir William Fort-
lick, President of the Knights of Tara. At twelve o'clock
scarce a seat could be obtained in any part of the house. A-
bout one, the stage was cleared, lighted from above by some
large windows. The gentlemen who contended for the prize
in the first class took their station on the stage, dressed in a
most becoming manner, in superfine white calash jackets, and
the cuffs and collars of garter blue silk; each gentleman also
wore red Morocco slippers, and had a small bunch of blue rib-
bons tied at his knees. On the right breast of the jacket was
marked a small circle, by blue lines, within which the hirs must
take place, or pass for nought. The judges were then chosen,
General Luttrell, Lord Delvin, and Colonel Eustace, who,
with the President and Secretary, were seated upon the stage.
Only four gentlemen, Mr Parvifol, Mr Underwood, Lieuten-
ant Gordon, and young Mr Dillon, of Jervis-street, appeared
for the first prize, which was an highly ornamented sword, va-
lue twenty-five guineas. After the names were called over,
and numbered 1, 2, 3, and 4, they were drawn by the Presi-
dent who should engage. The first lot fell to Mr Underwood
and Mr Parvifol, and second lot to Lieutenat Gordon and
Mr Dillon.—Mr Underwood and Mr Parvifol took their
ground, and exhibited much coolness, elegance, and judgment.
After a contest that continued for a considerable time, the jud-
ges declared, out of seven hits, Mr Underwood had four, and
Mr Parvifol three. The foils were blacked at the points each
bout, which told in a conspicuous manner in the white circle.
Lieutenant Gordon and Mr Dillon next took ground; Mr
Gordon gave Mr Dillon four, and received none. Mr Gor-
don and Mr Parvifol then took ground, which terminated in
favour of Mr Gordon. The trial of skill then remained be-
tween Mr Underwood and Mr Gordon, which ended also in
favour of the latter, to whom the prize sword was delivered, by
the unanimous voice of the Judges and Society.

No. 2. No. 3. No. 4.
Underwood Dillon Gordon.
No. 1. Parvifol gave IV IV IV
Parvifol received III III III
Parvifol. Gordon.
No. 2. Underwood gave IV none IV
Underwood received III IV Gordon.
Parvifol.
No. 3. Dillon gave III none IV
Dillon received IV IV IV
Parvifol Dillon Underwood.
No. 4. Gordon gave IV TV IV
Gordon received none none none

"Mr Dillon and Mr Underwood declined fencing to-
gether.

There were six candidates for the second prize, who were
dressed in the same manner as the first. The etiquette was
strictly observed as in the arrangement for the first prize. This
sword was won by Mr L. Estrange.

The exhibition closed about five o'clock, highly to the
satisfaction of the Society and spectators. The Knights after-
wards dined together. Every thing was conducted with the
greatest good humour, which was still heightened by the har-
mony of the gentlemen who contested the prizes, who shook
hands and congratulated the victors after each bout.

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

TASTE for liberty at length begins to appear in Scot-
land. It is well known that government was institut-
ed for the good of the people, and therefore the people is this
best judge wherein this good ought to consist.

It follows of course that the people ought to have the power
of electing a Clergy, whose business it is to instruct the people
in piety and in good works. The people likewise should
choose their own judges, civil and criminal—their own Juries
—their own govt.—and, finally, their own hangman. When
these improvements take place, the last-mentioned officer of
state, like others of the same denomination, will enjoy an abso-
lute sinecure, by which means the necks of the people will be
free from the galling yoke of a halter.

May 3.

THOMAS YOUNG, in answer to A FRIEND TO THE POOR,
shall have a place first opportunity.

BOUNCE.

The Last Night of performing but one this season.
FOR THE BENEFIT OF
Mrs CHARTERIS, Mr BLAND, & Mr GIBB;
Box-Office keeper,
On WEDNESDAY Evening, 22d May, will be presented
The Comedy of The
SUSPICIOUS HUSBAND.
Range, Mr WARD;
Frankly, Mr Woods; Bellamy, Mr Hallion; Jack Meggot, Mr Banks;
Tetter Mr Sparks; Buekle, Mr J. Bland; Ranger's Servant, Mr
Bland, junior;
And Strickland, Mr KELLY;
Mrs Strickland, Mrs WOODS;
Jacintha, Mrs Sparks; Lucetta, Mrs Mills; Mulliner, Mrs Tanpett;
Landlady, Mrs Charteris;
And Clarinda, Mrs WALCOT.
End of Act III.
A DISSERTATION ON JEALOUSY,
Addressed to the Ladies of Great Britain;
By Miss CHARTERIS;
Humourously describing the effects of that passion on the Spaniard, Ita-
lian, Dutchman, Frenchman, and Englishman.
End of the Play, A favourite Scene from Congreve's Comedy of
LOVE FOR LOVE.
Ben the Sailor, Master CHARTERIS;
Miss Prue, Miss CHARTERIS.
To which will be added, (by particular desire) once more
The Musical Entertainment of The
AGREEABLE SURPRISE.
Written by Mr O'KEEFE, and performed at the Theatre-Royal in Co-
vent-Garden with universal applause.
Lingo, (the Latin Schoolmaster) Mr MOSS;
Compton, Mr Hallion; Eugene, Mr Bell; Chicane, Mr Sutherland;
John, Mr Tannett; Thomas, Mr Banks; Cudden, Mr J. Bland;
Stump, Mr Sparks; William, Mr Bland, junior;
And Sir Felix Friendly, Mr FOWLER.
Laura, Miss FAREN;
Cousily, (the Dairy Maid) Mrs SPARKS;
Fringe, Mrs MILLS;
And Mrs Cheshire, Mrs CHARTERIS.
Tickets delivered by Mr Kelly, Mr Sutherland, Mrs Mills, Mrs Tan-
pett, and Mrs Mountfort, will be admitted.

Plans, 18 May 1783.

AT a numerous and respectable Meeting of
the Burgesses of the Burgh of Elgin, including the Guildry and
Six Incorporated Trades thereof, held on the 25th of April last, they
unanimously resolved to join the other Burghs of Scotland in an ap-
plication to Parliament for a reform of the present laws respecting the
mode of electing their Magistrates and Town Council, and Representa-
tives in Parliament; and named a Committee of their number to corre-
spond with the Committees at Edinburgh, Aberdeen, and other petiti-
oning Burghs, for obtaining such redress; and appointed advertisement
of this their resolution to be made in the Edinburgh Courier and Mer-
cury, and in the Aberdeen Journal.

(Signed) WILL. GRANT, Prefes;
THO. SETLAR, Secretary.

To the Public in general, and the Adventurers in A. Aitchi-
son's Lottery in particular.

THE whole series of Tickets belonging to the ensuing drawing of A.
Aitchison's Lottery, which was intended to have been held on
Saturday last, not being yet disposed of, the drawing will be delayed till
the 31st current, in order to afford an opportunity to adventurers in the
country, who may be in town during the sitting of the GENERAL
ASSEMBLY to satisfy their curiosity by being present on the occasion.

A. Aitchison cannot omit this opportunity of contradicting two re-
ports, which have lately gained very general credit in this city, though
almost entirely without foundation, viz. That he was just upon the eve
of leaving this country, and EMIGRATING TO AMERICA, and that he
had received unlimited powers to solicit as many trades people and
servants as should be willing to accompany him. The only shadow of
truth which could give rise to these reports is, that a near relation
of his own is preparing to set out as soon as possible, and that a worthy ac-
quaintance in the country, who has thoughts of settling in Philadelphia
was lately in town, and having expressed his intention of purchasing a
ship for the purpose, provided a sufficient number of people were ready
to accompany him, either as passengers, or under an indenture. A.
Aitchison, willing to oblige his friends, took a note some weeks
ago, of the names and places of abode of several decent tradel-
men, who signified their desire to converse with him upon that
subject. A large fabric of the most unaccountable falsehoods having
been since built upon these slight foundations, and crowds of intended
emigrants of both sexes continuing daily to flock into his shop, in so
much, that he can hardly get his ordinary business attended for answer-
ing their questions; he esteems it a duty he owes the public, as well
as himself, to inform them, and he entreats masters and mistresses will
inform their servants, that there is nothing more in the affair than what
is above set forth; and that by a letter just received from the gentle-
man above alluded to, he is informed, that "he will not embark for A-
merica this season, as he has reason to believe it may be for his inter-
est, as well as for that of others who mean to accompany him, to
delay it till next spring." None need therefore apply to A. Aitchi-
son on the business, till they hear further of it by a public advertise-
ment, when the gentleman above alluded to, as soon as his plan is com-
pleted, will make known his own terms to all who intend to engage
with him.

Mean time the adventurers in A. Aitchison's Lottery may rest as-
sured, that whatever distant prospects he may indulge, he has no im-
mediate intention of crossing the Atlantic; nor if he had, would he
leave his native country, without giving complete satisfaction to every
fortunate adventurer, by the strictest adherence to every article in his
scheme.

Tickets 1s. and Shaves 1s. fifteen pence, and half a crown each, con-
tinue selling at his shop, Parliament-Square, where schemes, containing
a particular account of the method of drawing, will be had gratis.

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